

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-3, 7-12 and 21-27 are currently pending.
- Claims 13-16 are canceled herein, claims 17-20 were previously canceled.

Allowed Claims

[0003] The Office Action indicates that claims 1-3, 7-12 and 21-27 are allowable. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3, 7-12 and 21-27. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

Cited Documents

[0004] The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- **Foote:** Foote et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,774,917
- **Cobbley:** Cobbley et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,818,510
- **Snook:** Snook, U.S. Patent No. 6,400,378
- **Maybury:** Maybury et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,961,654

Claims 13, 15 and 16 Are Non-Obvious Over Foote, Cobbley, Snook and Maybury

[0005] Claims 13, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Foote, Cobbley, Snook and Maybury. Applicant respectfully

traverses the rejection. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and without acquiescing in the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant herein cancels claims 13, 15 and 16.

Conclusion

[0006] For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application.

[0007] If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application,
Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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